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National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

November 26, 2003

Chairman Michael Powell
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554.

RE: *NARUC's Nomination of The Honorable Bob Rowe of Montana, The Honorable Susan Kennedy of California, and The Honorable Thomas Welch of Maine to the Federal State Joint Conference on Advanced Services.*

In the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services. CC Docket No. 99-294

Dear Chairman Powell,

The Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Services was created by the FCC October 8, 1999. Earlier this year, Florida Commissioner Lila Jaber resigned from her service on that body. Another member of the Council, Texas Commissioner Brett Perlmann left public service to pursue other opportunities. Those departures leave vacant two positions for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioner's ("NARUC's") representatives to fill on this critically important federal advisory committee. I also understand you are willing to convert Commissioner Rowe's *ex officio* status on the board into that of a voting member.

In accordance with Section 25 of NARUC's *Policy Governing Committees and Representatives*, NARUC's President, Stan Wise, nominates THE HONORABLE BOB ROWE OF MONTANA, THE HONORABLE SUSAN KENNEDY OF CALIFORNIA, AND THE HONORABLE THOMAS WELCH OF MAINE to fill the vacancies listed above. I have also e-mailed copies of this letter to Christopher Libertelli, Kris Monteith, and Wireline Competition Bureau Chief Bill Maher.

If you have any questions about these nominations, please do not hesitate to call me at 202.898.2207 or jramsay@naruc.org.

Respectfully Submitted

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